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## T/Here in Williamsburg: A History of Gentrification

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*T/Here in Williamsburg*, by Dennis sinneD, is a 5-part essay that explores the history of gentrification in the Southside of Williamsburg, 1968-1982, through personal and historical narrative.

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**Part 1: Block 2399** — *The present address is 167-181 Borinquen Place in the 11211, but the city identifies the location on its tax map as Kings County Block 2399.*

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**Part 2: Dis/Possession** — *In 1974, like so many neighborhoods in New York City and across the nation, Williamsburg was yearning.*

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**Part 3: A Spark of Impenetrable Darkness** — *The list of sweat equity hagglers in the Williamsburg gentrification is long and untold. Tax abatements, low-interest loans and subsidies...*

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**Part 4: Love and Death** — *The ‘Williamsburg hipster,’ emerged and developed simultaneous to the personal computer and Internet, to neoliberalism’s rise.*

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**Part 5: Let Me Die With The Philistines** — *“Don’t move, ma. No matter what, don’t move.”*

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